Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



d. Planning & Sustainability Division

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Tyrell Holcomb Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7F 4020 Minnesota Avenue NE Washington, DC 20019 7F01@anc.dc.gov

NOI # 20-67-PSD

Re: Notification for the Installation of Bicycle Lanes on Ridge Road SE

Dear Chairperson Holcomb,

Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to add a bike lanes on Ridge Road SE from Minnesota Avenue SE to Texas Avenue SE (Unit to 600 blocks) . This letter is being forwarded to notify you and to solicit comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

DDOT proposes to:

• Install bike lanes on both eastbound and westbound directions of Ridge Road SE between Minnesota Ave and Texas Ave.

The existing condition of Ridge Road in this area is a single wide travel lane and curbside parking on the both sides of the street. DDOT will add a bike lane in this segment to match the cross section of the eastern portion of Ridge Road, which has bike lanes now. Making this bicycle lane consistent across the area will help people stay safe while bicycling the corridor. The existing curb-to-curb width of 44 feet allows DDOT to add bike lanes, retain parking, and reduce the road to a consistent travel lane width.

This design will improve safety by reducing speeding in these blocks, shortening the effective crossing distance for pedestrians, improving the bike accommodations, and will provide a bike

route between Minnesota Ave and Alabama Ave. Research and experience suggests that the reduction in width to the travel lane will reduce speeding in the corridor.

This segment is an important step in expanding the bike lane network, now also used by scooters and other personal mobility devices. Adding these facilities is an important part of DDOT's work to improve safety for all roadway users.

We anticipate the following benefits:

- Reduction of conflicts between drivers and bikeway users
- Vehicular travel speeds on the street closer to the speed limit
- Improved safety due to reduction of existing conflicts

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, no later than July 6th, 2020, thirty (30) business days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation Planning and Sustainability Division, 55 M Street, SE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC, 20003 or via email at will.handsfield@dc.gov. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI. In addition, if you have questions, have trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact me at 202-671-3378.

Sincerely,

Will Handsfield

Transportation Planner

Planning & Sustainability Division

Cc:

Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia Osha Daniels, Ward 7 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services Jim Sebastian, Associate Director of Planning & Sustainability Division, DDOT George Branyan, Active Transportation Branch Manager, DDOT Ciara Boderick, Ward 7 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT Ridge Rd. SE between Burns and Texas:



The roadway markings on the section of Ridge between Minnesota and Texas will match this pattern.